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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated May 30, 2007, concerning the above-referenced patent application. As the shortened statutory period for reply expires on August 30, 2007, this response is timely filed.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this document.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows.